

REMARKS

Claims 1–44 are pending in the present application and were rejected by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2006 under obviousness-type double patenting.

As required, the specification has been amended to update the information from the related application No. 09/189,159 with the current status of the application, which is now an issued patent.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-44 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,820,202 and U.S. Patent No. 6,820,199, respectively.

As is well established (see MPEP § 804.02), a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer may be used to overcome such a rejection for each patent that is owned by the common assignee of the present patent application and each cited patent.

Accordingly, the undersigned attorney of record submits herewith Terminal Disclaimers on the behalf of Applicant of the present patent application and cited patent. The Terminal Disclaimers are directed to the following patents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,820,199

U.S. Patent No. 6,820,202

The ownership interest in the patents cited in the attached Terminal Disclaimers are recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel/frame 012672/0340 for U.S. Patent No. 6,820,199 and at reel/frame 009755/0968 for U.S. Patent No. 6,820,202, respectively.

It is therefore requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks and submissions, applicant submits that it has responded completely and appropriately to the outstanding Office Action and that the submission of the attached Terminal Disclaimers and related documents places the all claims 1–44 in condition for allowance.

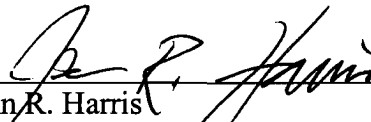
For the foregoing reasons, it there respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued. Such action is courteously

solicited. If any issues remain that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 404 504 7720.

Respectfully submitted,

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